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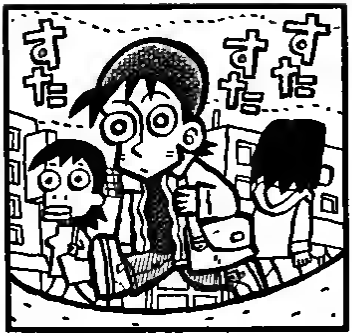

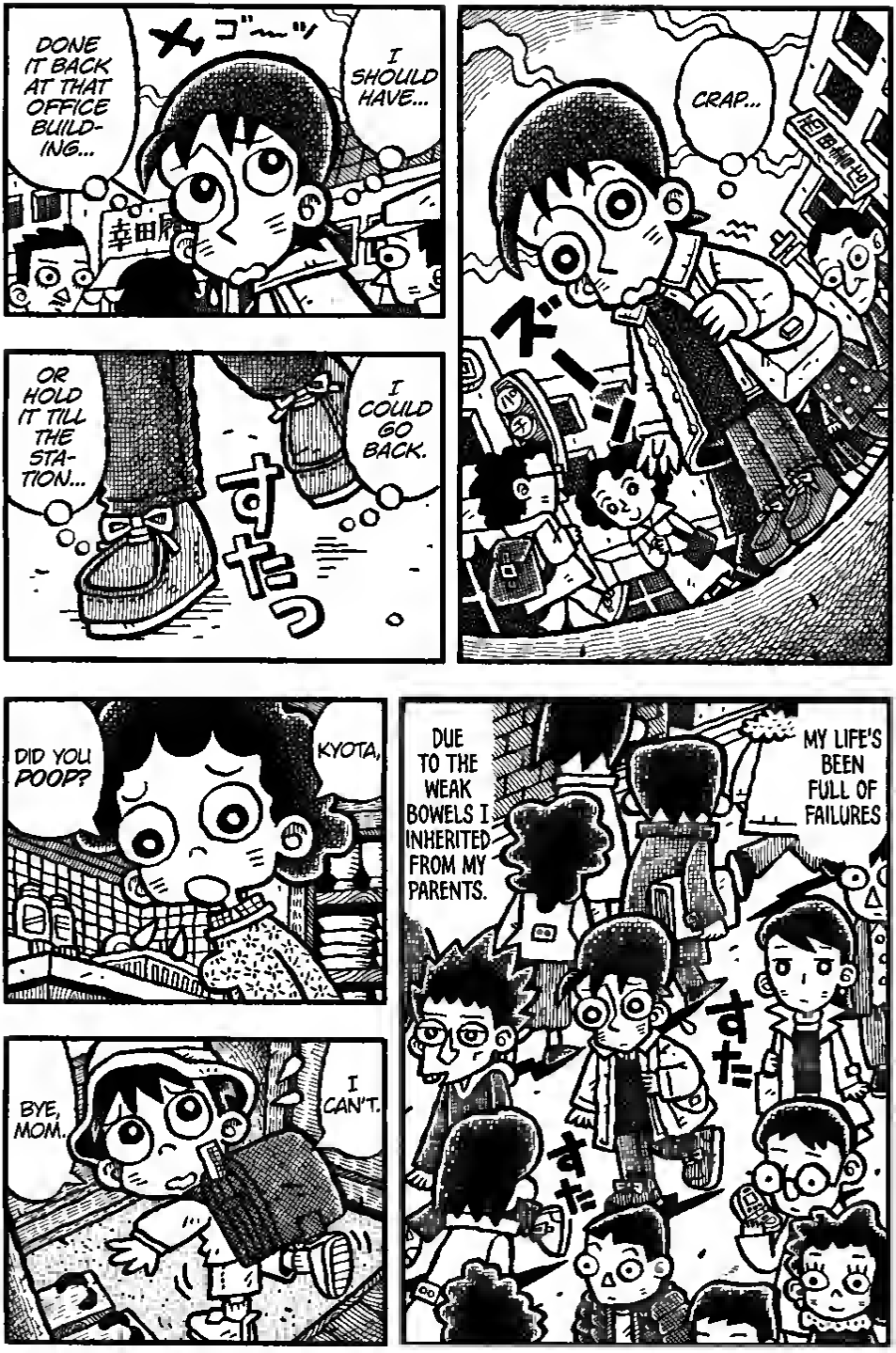
DONE IT BACK AT THAT OFFICE BUILD-ING...
I SHOULD HAVE...
CRAP...
OR HOLD IT TILL THE STA-TION...
I COULD GO BACK.
すたっ
DID YOU POOP?
KYOTA,
BYE, MOM.
I CAN'T.
DUE TO THE WEAK BOWELS I INHERITED FROM MY PARENTS.
MY LIFE'S BEEN FULL OF FAILURES
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すた

YO.
YO!
たったったっ
高松小学校
ギュ〜ン
Somebody pooping in there?!
Hey, hey. Something STINKS.
BUT WHEN I TRIED TO USE THE SCHOOL BATHROOM,
ピコ〜ン
ズーン
SEN-SEI!
U.S.
I WOULD HOLD IT IN UNTIL CLASS HAD STARTED.
The soldier was startled and looked down at Gon. "Gon," he said, "So you were the one who always left chestnuts for me?"
THUS, AFTER THAT DAY,
OI-KAWA-KUN?
YES,
木よう
金よう

I NEED TO PEE. PLEASE LET ME GO.
Just no helping you.
ゲラゲラ
ゲラ
だっだっだっ
とことこ
Hehe
ふふふ
I'D DASH DOWN THE EMPTY HALLWAYS.
たったったっ
CRAP. I'M-
ABOUT READY TO BURST!
ずんずんずん
むりむりむり
Fwaah
AND HOLE MYSELF UP IN THE FACULTY RESTROOM.

A BIG BOOK SHOP OR A GROCERY STORE...
IF ONLY
ずん
ずん
IF I DON'T FIND ONE...
ANYWHERE, BATHROOM...
ずん
YEAH, A COFFEE SHOP WOULD BE PERFECT!
I KNOW! OR A COFFEE SHOP!
中華六番
DIDN'T WANT TO DO IT AT SCHOOL.
How'd you do on the test?
Oi-Kawa!
BUT I...
SEE YA!
EH?!
AH, FINE.
THE DAY OF MY MIDTERM EXAMS...
THE FALL OF 8TH GRADE,
I FELT IT.
ズーン
ピコ〜ン
THE MINUTE I LEFT SCHOOL,

BUT THERE WAS A STEEP HILL.
すた
すた
すた
すた
大黒屋米店
SOME-HOW,
すた
すた
すた
I THOUGHT I COULD MAKE IT HOME.
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すた
LEAPT INTO MY HEART.
ドーン
ドーン
ずん
MY ANUS...
WITH EACH ARDUOUS STEP I TOOK,
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I DID. I RODE THAT WAVE.
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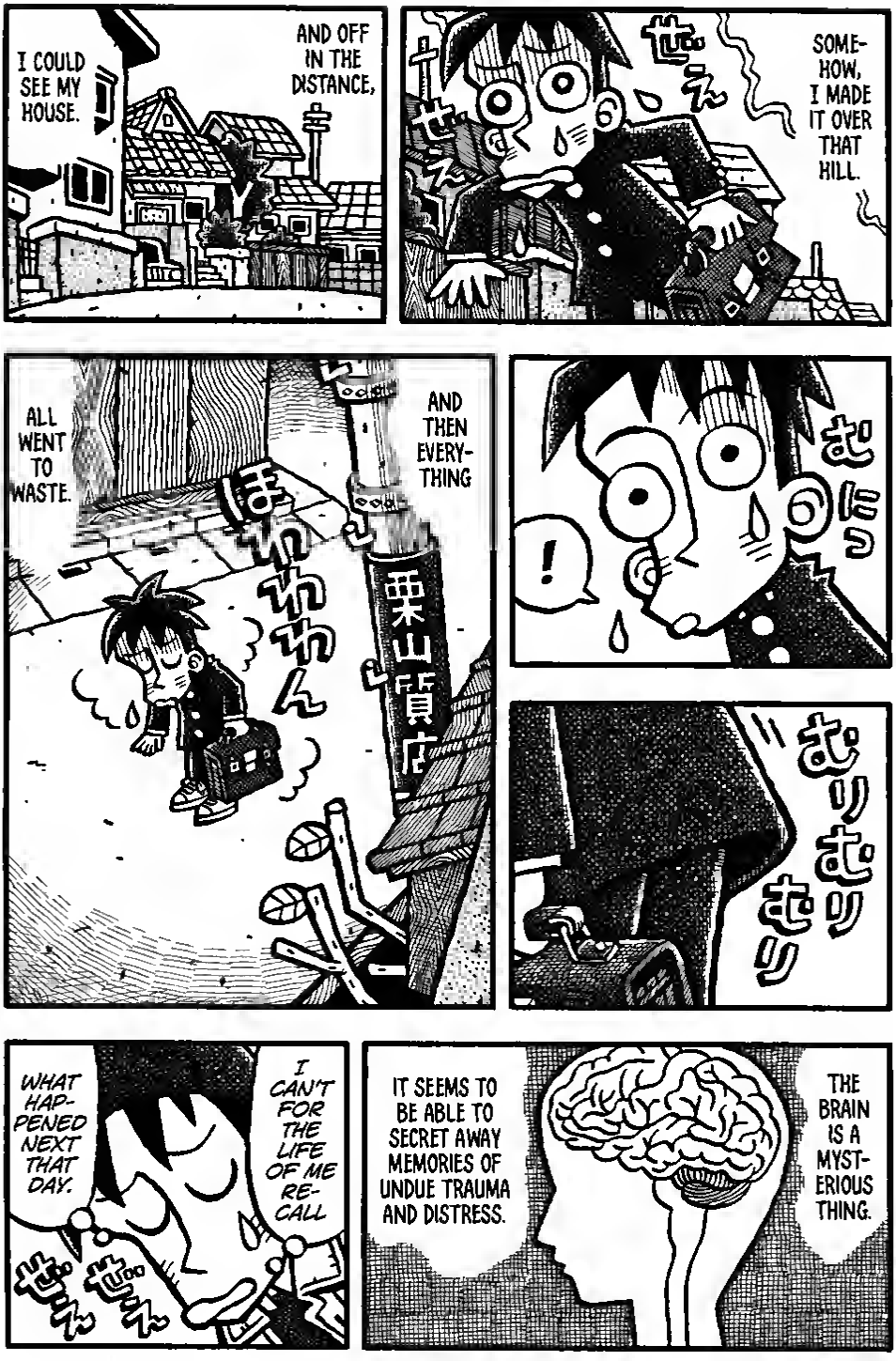
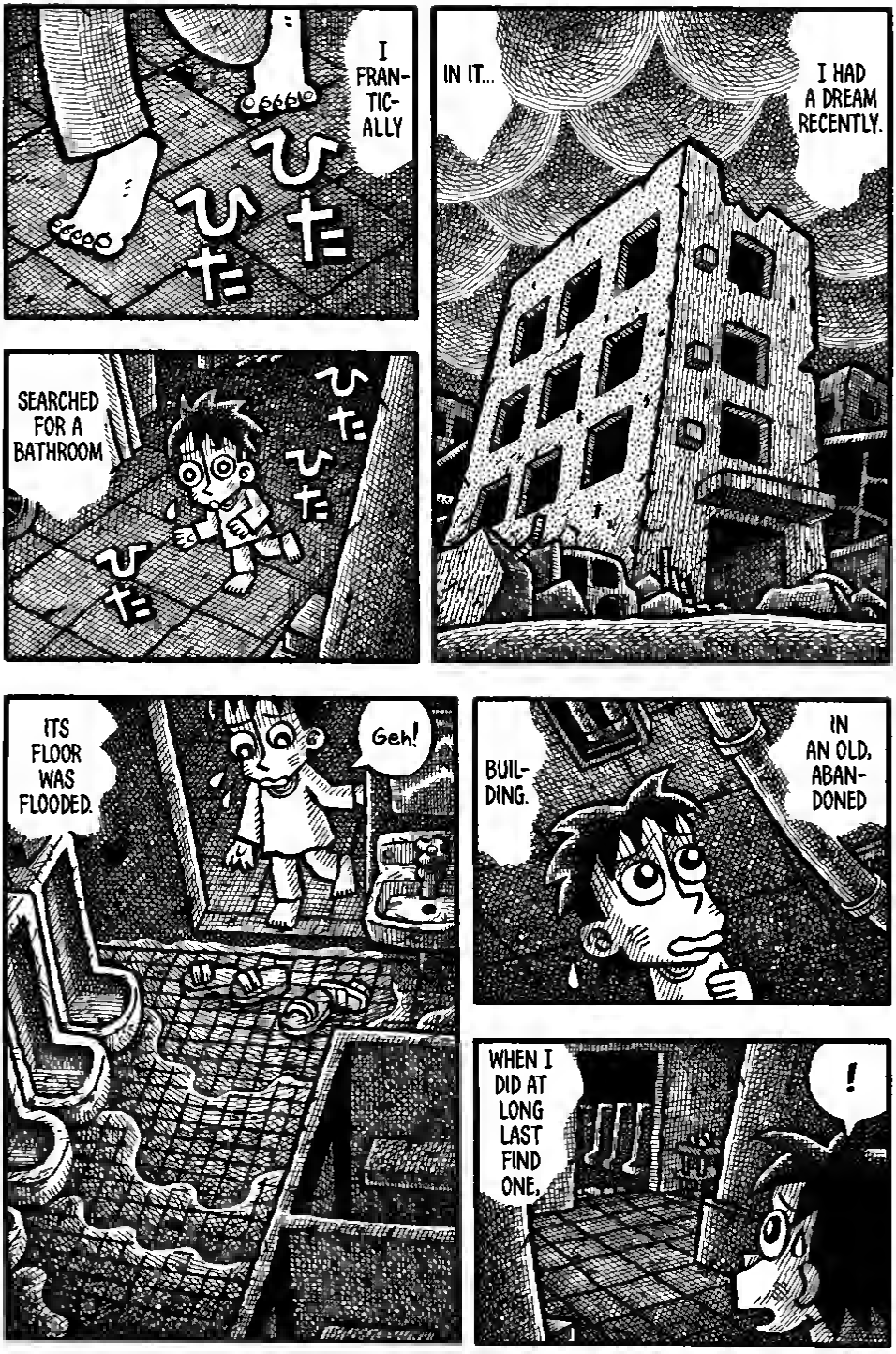
I'D NEVER MAKE IT,
AND JUST WHEN I THOUGHT
Ghhhk


I COULD SEE MY HOUSE.
AND OFF IN THE DISTANCE,
SOMEHOW, I MADE IT OVER THAT HILL.
ALL WENT TO WASTE.
AND THEN EVERYTHING
栗山質店
なにっ
!
なりなりなり
WHAT HAPPENED NEXT THAT DAY.
I CAN'T FOR THE LIFE OF ME RECALL
IT SEEMS TO BE ABLE TO SECRET AWAY MEMORIES OF UNDUE TRAUMA AND DISTRESS.
THE BRAIN IS A MYSTERIOUS THING.

CRAP.
CRAP!
CRAAP!
ドドドドド
THOSE COMPLICATED MENUS...
AU LAITS, AND 'CCINOS, AND LATTES, AND SUCH...
Café Souvenir
A COFFEE SHOP!
AH!
A CAFE, WELL, THAT MEANS...
OR RATHER A CAFE, HUH?
Café Souvenir
TODAY'S SPECIALS:
- HAM SANDWICH WITH SWISS CHEESE ON RYE BREAD

SEARCH THE PLACE FOR AN EMPTY SEAT...
AND THEN
I'D GET IN LINE, PLACE MY ORDER,
GRAB IT,
PAY FOR IT,
WHILE ENDURING A POOP THAT'S READY TO EX-PLODE...
AMID THAT CROWD OF YOUNG LADIES...
I'VE AL-READY GONE PAST IT!
AH!
AH!
AH!
AH!


I FRANTICALLY
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IN IT...
I HAD A DREAM RECENTLY.
SEARCHED FOR A BATHROOM
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ITS FLOOR WAS FLOODED.
Geh!
BUILDING.
IN AN OLD, ABANDONED
WHEN I DID AT LONG LAST FIND ONE,
!

BUT STILL,
Ugh!
WATER ROSE PAST MY BATHROOM SLIPPERS,
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I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO DO IT THERE.
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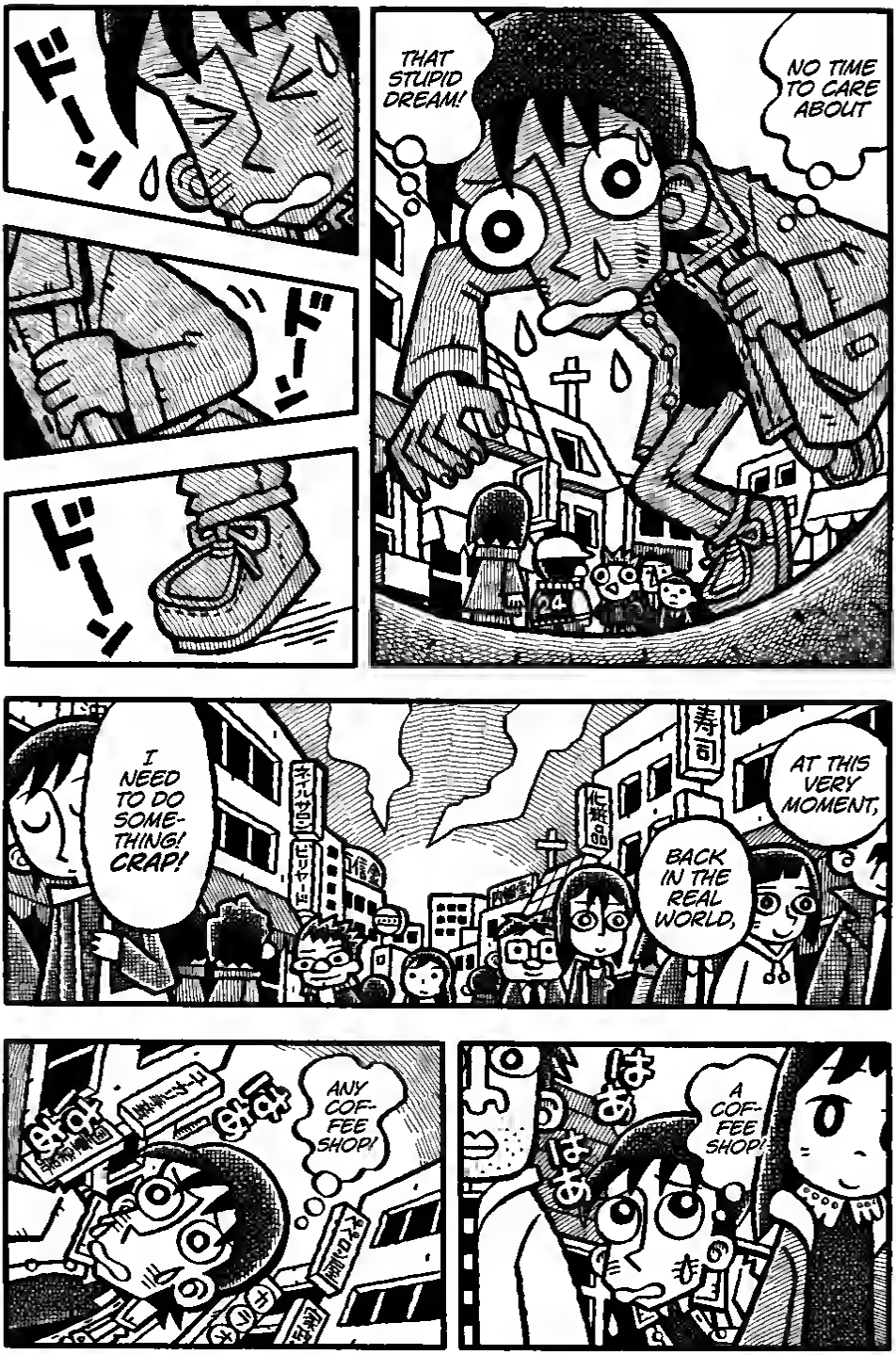
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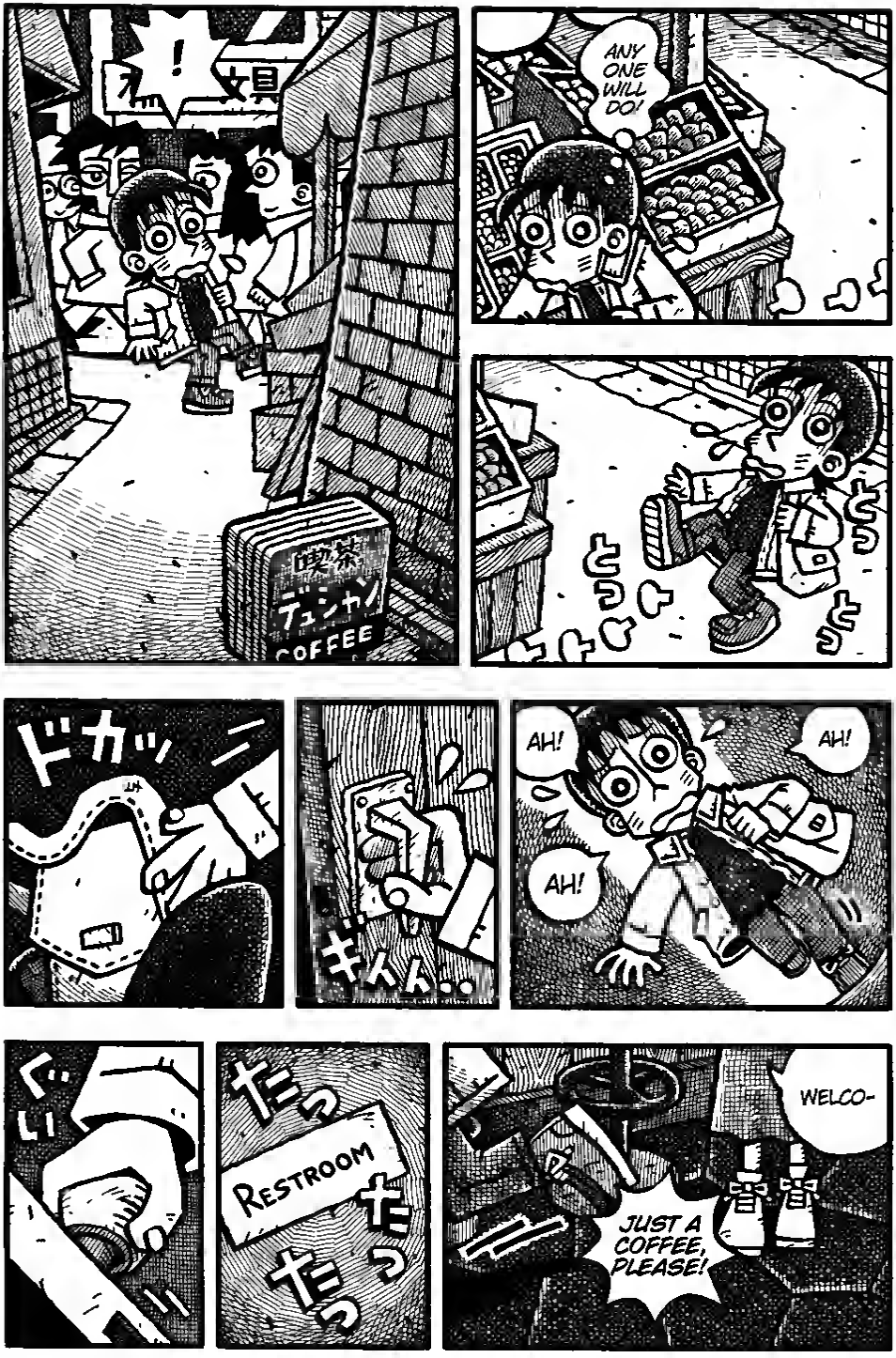
ジーズ
ドーン
THAT STUPID DREAM!
NO TIME TO CARE ABOUT
I NEED TO DO SOME-THING! CRAP!
BACK IN THE REAL WORLD,
AT THIS VERY MOMENT,
ANY COF-FEE SHOP!
A COF-FEE SHOP!


ANY ONE WILL DO!
喫茶
デュシャン
COFFEE
ドカッ
ギんん..
AH!
AH!
AH!
RESTROOM
WELCO-
JUST A COFFEE, PLEASE!

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喫茶

ドカ!!
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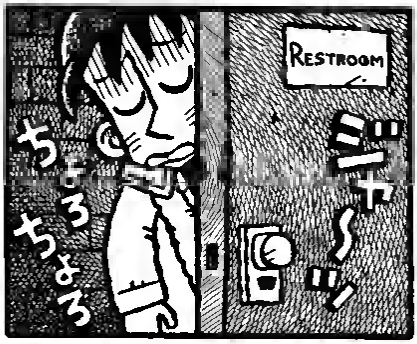
RESTROOM
ジャ〜〜
ちょろ
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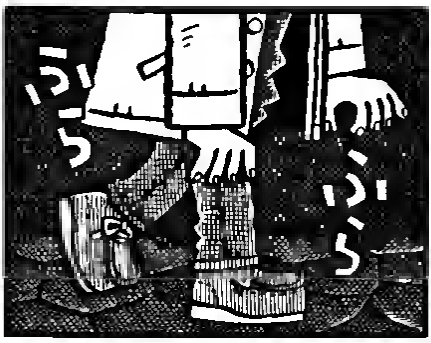
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YOUR COFFEE, SIR.
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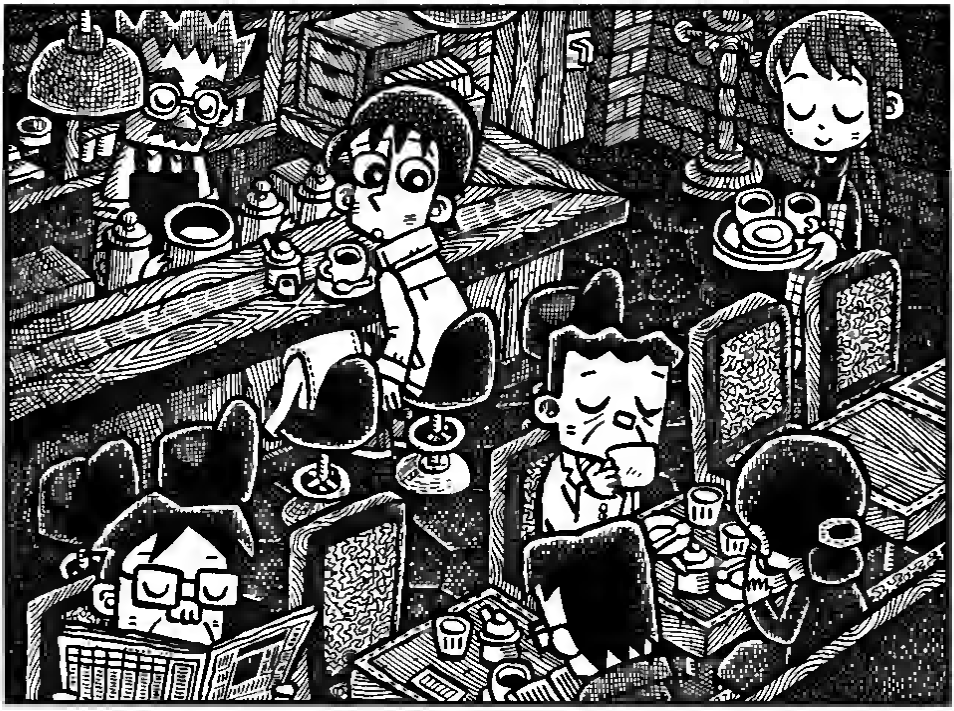
カシャッ
Maple Sylup



LOOKS LIKE I'VE FOUND A PRETTY NICE PLACE...

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ON SETSUBUN,
THE DAY BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING,
ONE IS SUPPOSED TO WALK IN THE PREORDAINED
LUCKY DIRECTION AND EAT A LARGE EHOU SUSHI ROLL,
UNSLICED OR CUT, IN TOTAL SILENCE.
DOING SO IS SAID TO BRING ONE A HAPPY YEAR.

APPARENTLY THESE SUSHI ROLLS ARE CALLED
EHOU ROLLS. THEY'RE SUPPOSEDLY A KANSAI
TRADITION, BUT THE TRADITION HAS GAINED
SUCH WIDESPREAD POPULARITY RECENTLY THAT
SUPERMARKETS AND SO FORTH ALL OVER THE
COUNTRY HAVE STARTED TO SELL THEM.

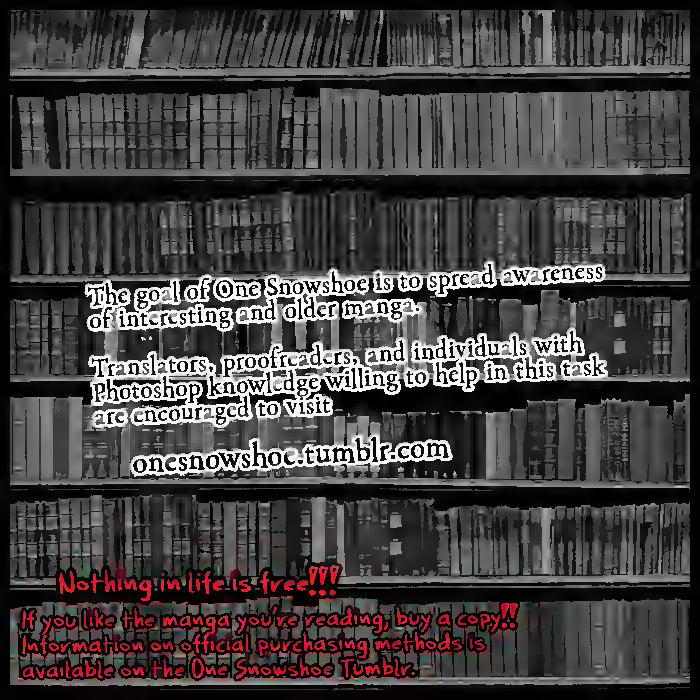
SINCE SOME PEOPLE DON'T LIKE SUSHI VERY MUCH,
APPARENTLY EVEN EHOU ROLL CAKES
HAVE STARTED TO POP UP.

MY MOTHER HAILS FROM OSAKA.

WHEN I ASKED HER ABOUT THIS PRACTICE, SHE SAID, "BEATS ME. I'VE NEVER HEARD OF IT. BUT I WAS LIVING IN OSAKA DURING AND AFTER THE WAR. WE NEVER HAD MUCH FOOD TO BEGIN WITH. SO IF WE DID HAVE THAT MUCH RICE, WE NEVER WOULD HAVE WASTED IT BY MAKING ONE PERSON EAT IT ALL AT ONCE."

IT TURNED INTO A TERRIBLY SAD LITTLE STORY.

AS FOR ME, I'VE NEVER EATEN AN EHOU SUSHI ROLL OR AN EHOU ROLL CAKE.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